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**Public Act No. 14-46**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE SUPPORTIVE  
HOUSING INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 17a-485c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(a) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in collaboration with the Commissioners of Social Services, Correction, Children and Families, [and] Housing, Developmental Services and Veterans' Affairs, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, shall establish permanent supportive housing initiatives to provide additional units of affordable housing and support services to eligible persons. Individuals and families with special needs and individuals and families that are homeless or at risk for homelessness shall be eligible for such permanent supportive housing initiatives.

[(b) Permanent supportive housing initiatives and support services shall be provided to: (1) Eligible households, as defined in section 17a-484a; (2) families who are eligible under the temporary assistance for needy families program; (3) adults who are eighteen to twenty-three

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years of age, inclusive, and who are homeless, or at risk for becoming homeless because they are transitioning from foster care or other residential programs; and (4) persons with serious mental health needs who are community-supervised offenders supervised by the executive or judicial branch.]

[(c)] (b) The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall issue one or more requests for proposals by persons or entities interested in participating in such permanent supportive housing initiatives to applicants that include organizations deemed qualified to provide services by the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Social Services and Children and Families. The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall review and underwrite development projects undertaken pursuant to such permanent supportive housing initiatives.

[(d)] (c) The Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services shall issue, within available appropriations, one or more requests for proposals in a scattered site model for homeless individuals with psychiatric disabilities and substance use disorders.

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